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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news-item captioned `Joshi stresses on national model for education` appearing in `The Hindustan Times` dated March 15, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the present education system being followed by the various State Governments is different, outdated and also job-oriented instead of job productive;

(c) if so, whether there is a proposal to bring reforms in the education sector and to provide job-productive education; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): The National Policy on Education (NPE),1986 which is based on an in-depth review of the educational situation and a national consensus, enunciates a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education in its entirety. The framework continues to be in operation. The basic objective of the NPE has been to build aNational System of Education based on a common structure and a national curricular framework which contains a common core along with other components that are flexible. The 10+2+3 structure has now been accepted in all parts of the country.

The NPE also lays considerable stress on vocationalisation of education in order to enhance individual employability and to reduce the mis-match between the demand and supply of skilled manpower. This is being done through a Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education. Skill training for employment is included in the Scheme of Community Polytechnics. In the Adult Education Sector, Jan Shikshan Sansthans provide job-orientation to adults.